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SUBJECT:TRITICALE SEED SALE TO GEZERA BOARD

REFS:(A) KHARTOUM 846; (B) STATE 276043 OF 1974 AND

PREVIOUS

1. SAM SINGLETARY (FORMER SENIOR OFFICER ACTION) AGENT FOR
WESTERN STATE TRADING CO. (WSTC) REQUESTED A CONTACT IN
DEPARTMENT TO ARRANGE MEETING FOR HIM WITH AID TO DISCUSS
TRITICALE SEED SALES POSSIBILITIES IN AFRICA.

MARCH 7 MEETING WAS HELD WITH STAFF CROPS DIVISION AID.
TECHNICAL DISCUSSION COVERED MERITS OF TRITICALE IN
AFRICA. AID POINTED OUT THAT TRITICALE WOULD HAVE TO
COMPETE WITH WHEAT AND OTHER GRAINS NOW BEING GROWN AND
THAT LARGE SCALE DEVELOPMENT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE WITHOUT
PRIOR RESEARCH. SINGLETARY REQUESTED AND WAS GIVEN LIST
OF CONTACTS INCLUDING POTENTIAL LENDING INSTITUTION.

2. SINGLETARY THEN SPOKE OF WSTC'S INTEREST IN THE SUDAN
AND THE MIDDLE EAST IN GENERAL AS POSSIBLE PLACES TO SELL
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TRITICALE SEED. DEPT. OFFICER TOLD SINGLETARY THAT NO

USG FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME FOR LOANS TO THE SUDAN. FURTHERMORE, THE TECHNICAL DISCUSSION RE FEASIBILITY OF TRITICALE DEVELOPMENT LEFT CONSIDERABLE DOUBT ABOUT THE SOUNDNESS OF A LOAN FOR THIS CROP WITHOUT MORE RESEARCH.

3. SINGLETARY DID NOT MENTION WSTC'S CONTACTS IN SUDAN OR RELATIONSHIP WITH TRIAD. FOOD CROPS DIVISION, AID DID NOT LINK REF B TO THIS MEETING WITH SINGLETARY.

4. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON WSTC'S PLANS TO FINANCE SALE OF SEED OR TRAINING OF GSB AGENTS. OPIC NOT INVOLVED ANY PROPOSED WSTC ACTIVITY IN SUDAN.

5. DEPT OF COMMERCE CONTINUES HAVE DIFFICULTY OBTAINING INFO ON WSTC. (SEE TRANSMITTAL SLIP ON D&B REPORT FOR SIMILARLY NAMED COMPANY SENT IN JAN.) DOC REQUIRES MORE IDENTIFYING DATA THAN SUPPLIED PARA 5 REF A. KISSINGER

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